

**From:** Emily McIntosh  
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**Subject:** Re accountability for elected representatives

The Women of Ontario Say No is a non-partisan grassroots movement to ensure municipally elected reps are accountable for the perpetration of violence and harassment- up to, and including removal. Along with these efforts and that of OBCM, OMAA, AMCTO and AMO, we now have Bill 9- The Municipal Accountability Act in the committee stage. In its current form, a local IC can recommend removal for egregious acts causing harm to others, to the provincial IC. The Provincial IC would have to agree and then it comes back to council for unanimous vote.

We are asking the council share with the province that instead of council adoption of the recommendation (as they would not qualify for jurors in a similar judicial setting) that it be adjudicated through a panel of ICs at the Provincial level. At the bare minimum, if council has to be involved, we request that the threshold for a provincial IC recommendation for removal be changed from unanimous to 2/3.

Secondly, we are requesting council support the following legislative addition:

“Any councillor charged with assault while in public office will be placed on automatic leave until resolved in the courts. If convicted, automatic removal will be applied.”

This is a direct response to Niagara Falls Council:

[https://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/news/niagara-region/niagara-falls-city-councillor-charged-with-assault/article\\_3232cb7d-509a-5c43-b798-24b3f298edf2.html](https://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/news/niagara-region/niagara-falls-city-councillor-charged-with-assault/article_3232cb7d-509a-5c43-b798-24b3f298edf2.html) where it is inappropriate for a person charged with assault to be making funding decisions for local women's shelters, for example. The current government is very open to this incorporation with councils in support.

Sincerely,

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